



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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All Department/District Heads

At its meeting held January 8, 2002, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

The Chief Administrative Officer's recommendation to approve updated goals and policies for the second year of the Fiscal Year 2001-02 State Legislative Session which seek to maximize State assistance, secure greater flexibility over the use of State funds, reduce the adverse impact of State actions on County costs, pursue increased State support for emergency preparedness and response, and promote economic recovery; and instruct the Chief Administrative Officer, affected departments, the Legislative Strategist, and the County's Legislative Advocates in Sacramento to work with the County delegation, other counties and local governments, and interest groups to advocate the goals and policies on behalf of the County.

Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

"Two additional items that should be addressed in the Board's State Legislative Agenda for the Fiscal Year 2001-02 Session are:

1. Support of legislation that will benefit and assist veterans who have honorably served in our nations armed forces; and
2. A change in the formula to ensure an equitable distribution of federal minimum guarantee funds from the State transportation improvement program for transportation projects in the County."

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Therefore, Supervisor Antonovich made a motion that the Board include the following additions in the State Legislative Agenda for Fiscal Year 2002:

- Section 15 - Veterans: Support legislation to reduce homelessness for veterans and their families, increase affordable housing, mental services and employment opportunities; and,
- Section 13 -Transportation: Support legislation that redirects the Federal Minimum Guarantee Funds from the State Transportation Improvement Program process to the Regional Surface Transportation Program process."

Supervisor Yaroslavsky made a suggestion that the Board continue for one week to January 15, 2002 that portion of Supervisor Antonovich's motion relating to the addition to Section 13 -Transportation. Supervisor Antonovich accepted Supervisor Yaroslavsky's suggestion.

Supervisor Yaroslavsky made the following statement:

"The Proposed State Legislative Agenda concerning Transportation (Section 13) requires amendment."

Therefore, Supervisor Yaroslavsky made a motion that the Board take the following actions relating to Section 13 - Transportation:

1. Add a sentence to the second item in Section 13 to read, "Support legislation or budgetary actions that provide State funding for the post-1989 Sound Wall list."
2. Amend the last item in Section 13 to read, "Support legislation that allocates funds directly to local government for the preservation of local streets and roads, without resulting in a loss of other transportation funds and without impacting other agencies."
3. Add an additional item to Section 13 to read: "Work to ensure that all Transportation Congestion Relief Program funds are protected and are not diverted from critical transportation projects."

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Supervisor Yaroslavsky made the following statement:

"In September 2000 the Board of Supervisors passed a motion urging

Governor Davis to sign AB 1147, a bill that authorized, and therefore made it possible for the County to receive subvention funding for the Los Angeles County Drainage Area (LACDA) Project.

"Under AB 1147 the authorization of the project was made contingent upon the adoption by Los Angeles County of a plan to undertake restoration projects, including related habitat restoration and maintenance projects, along the entire length of the Los Angeles River and its related tributaries. The Secretary of the State Resources Agency was to convene an advisory committee with specified membership to provide input to the Secretary and the County in the preparation and implementation of the plan.

"AB 1147 was signed into law. However, one month after it went into effect, a new bill was introduced which would significantly alter the provisions of AB 1147. This new bill, AB 814 (Havice), would limit the location of river restoration and maintenance projects to a 1,000-foot-wide corridor along the lower Los Angeles River and its tributaries only. It would also eliminate the requirement for an advisory committee.

"Adoption of this bill would run counter to County policy as expressed in its support for AB 1147 and would upset the compromise among environmentalists, LACDA cities, the County and members of the Legislature that resulted in passage of this bill. The river restoration and maintenance projects required as part of AB 1147 should not be restricted to a small portion of the river, inasmuch as taxpayers throughout the County have contributed to the LACDA Project, which will provide flood control to the entire Los Angeles River watershed.

"Finally, there is no reason to eliminate the required advisory committee. The Los Angeles River Master Plan (LARMP) Advisory Committee meets the requirements to serve as the advisory committee and has already prepared a list of river projects. A representative of the State Resources Agency has indicated that the Secretary is open to utilizing the LARMP Advisory Committee for AB 1147 purposes.

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"The Director of Public Works opposes AB 814 unless amended to require that the entire river be included; to remove the 1,000-foot-wide corridor restriction; to reinstate the requirement for an advisory committee; and to provide that the advisory committee will be the existing Los Angeles River Master Plan Advisory Committee. This bill is

under consideration today in the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee. The County should take a position today so that our voice will be heard in the ongoing debate."

Therefore, Supervisor Yaroslavsky made a motion that the Board oppose AB 814 (Havice) unless it is amended to:

- a. Restore the original AB 1147 language relative to the location of river restoration projects and increased parkland and recreational opportunities along the river;
- b. Require that, for the purposes of preparing and implementing the plan to undertake river restoration projects and to increase parkland and recreational opportunities along the river, the Secretary of the Resources Agency and the County consider the comments of an advisory committee; and
- c. Designate the existing Los Angeles River Master Plan Advisory Committee as the advisory committee for this purpose.

Supervisor Knabe made a suggestion that Supervisor Yaroslavsky's aforementioned motion opposing AB 814 be continued one week to January 15, 2002. Supervisor Yaroslavsky accepted Supervisor Knabe's suggestion.

Supervisor Yaroslavsky made the following statement:

"The proposed State Legislative Agenda should include positions which promote environmentally-friendly flood control projects and the preservation and restoration of our bays and watersheds."

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Therefore, Supervisor Yaroslavsky made a motion that Section 3 of the proposed State Legislative Agenda relating to Environment, Natural Resources and Recreation be amended as follows:

1. Include a policy position to support proposals that promote environmentally friendly flood control improvements and projects, and that do not diminish the performance of flood control systems.
2. Amend the third item to read, "Support measures which, consistent with Board-adopted policies, promote the preservation and restoration of Los Angeles County mountain, bay, watershed, river and wetland areas."

Supervisor Knabe made a suggestion that Supervisor Yaroslavsky's

aforementioned motion relating to Section 3 be continued one week to January 15, 2001. Supervisor Yaroslavsky accepted Supervisor Knabe's suggestion.

Supervisor Yaroslavsky made the following statement:

"The sixth item in Section 1.1, Child Welfare Services, states: 'Support legislation which would require the Dependency Court to proceed with hearings to terminate parental rights, when recommended by counties, in those cases where parents have also filed Welfare and Institutions Code Section 388 petitions alleging changed circumstances and those petitions have been filed after the statutory limit for family reunification services.'

"Such a policy would infringe on the due process rights of parents as well as circumvent the purpose of Welfare and Institutions Code Section 388."

Therefore, Supervisor Yaroslavsky made a motion that the proposed State Legislative Agenda be amended to delete the sixth item in Section 1.1 - Child Welfare Services.

After discussion, Supervisor Knabe made a suggestion that in relation to Section 4.12 of the proposed State Legislative Agenda relating to Redevelopment, the Board instruct the Chief Administrative Officer to bring any issue relating to redevelopment before the Board prior to any County legislative advocates taking positions on specific measures consistent with the policies stated in this section.

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After further discussion, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Adopted the Chief Administrative Officer's attached recommendations (Supervisor Molina voted "no" on Item One under Section 7.7 - Probation relating to DISARM in Attachment 1 and Number 4 in Attachment 2 also relating to DISARM; and Supervisor Antonovich voted "no" on Item 17 under Section 10 - Revenue and Taxation - "Oppose legislation that establishes a trial de novo solution for property appeals." Supervisor Antonovich also abstained from voting on Section 5.5 - Public Health - "Support increased funding for public health activities including, immunizations, tuberculosis, maternal and child health, family planning, sexually transmitted disease, childhood lead poisoning prevention, injury and violence prevention, food safety, and chronic disease programs.");

2. Added to the proposed State Legislative Agenda the following:

a. Section 15 - Veterans

Add an additional item to read: "Support legislation to reduce homelessness for veterans and their families, increase affordable housing, mental services and employment opportunities"; and

b. Section 13 - Transportation:

Add a sentence to the second item to read, "Support legislation or budgetary actions that provide State funding for the post-1989 Sound Wall list.";

Amend the last item to read, "Support legislation that allocates funds directly to local government for the preservation of local streets and roads, without resulting in a loss of other transportation funds and without impacting other agencies."; and

Add an additional item to read: "Work to ensure that all Transportation Congestion Relief Program funds are protected and are not diverted from critical transportation projects.";

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3. Deleted from the proposed State Legislative Agenda the sixth item under Section 1.1 - Child Welfare Services;

4. Instructed the Chief Administrative Officer to bring any issue relating to redevelopment back before the Board prior to County legislative advocates taking positions on specific measures consistent with the policies stated in Section 4.12 - Redevelopment; and

5. Continued the following recommendations one week to January 15, 2002:

a. That portion of Supervisor Antonovich's recommendation amending Section 13 - Transportation to include an item to read:

Support legislation that redirects the Federal Minimum Guarantee Funds from the State Transportation Improvement Program process to the Regional Surface Transportation Program process;

b. Supervisor Yaroslavsky's recommendation that the Board oppose AB 814 (Havice), legislation which would limit the location of river restoration and

maintenance projects to a 1,000 ft wide corridor along the lower Los Angeles River and its tributaries only and eliminate the requirement for an advisory committee, unless amended; and

c. Supervisor Yaroslavsky's recommendation amending Section 3 - Environment, Natural Resources and Recreation, to include a policy position to support proposals which promote environmentally-friendly flood control improvements and projects, and do not diminish the performance of flood control systems; and amend the third item under Section 3 to read:

Support measures which, consistent with Board-adopted policies, promote the preservation and restoration of Los Angeles County mountain, bay, watershed, river and wetland areas.

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Attachment

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